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REPRESENTATIVE TOWNSEND INVOLVED IN HISTORIC ASSEMBLY OF STATE LEGISLATURES

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Wednesday, June 22, 2016) – Rep. Kelly Townsend was involved in the signing of a historic resolution composed by state lawmakers from across the country last week on June 17th.

The Assembly of State Legislators (ASL) finished an effort to establish procedural rules needed to hold a state-led convention for proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Rep. Townsend was one of 60 other state legislators from 30 states who attended the meeting and ultimately signed the resolution at Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

Rep. Townsend stated, “This indeed is a historic and great day for our beloved republic. The tough and intense work that has taken years to produce has created the framework for states to hold a convention and propose amendments. I want to thank all the legislators who came together to craft a rules package that reflects the founders of this nation’s foresight to have a constitutional tool to fight federal overreach.”

Article V of the U.S. Constitution authorizes states to call a convention to propose amendments, however this convention has never been actually held. Thanks to this bi-partisan rules package, a foundation is in place for a state-led Constitutional amendment should a convention be called by states in the future.

Rep. Dennis Powers from Tennessee stated on Rep. Townsend’s efforts, “Rep. Townsend represented the great state of Arizona with distinction and was well respected by her colleagues at the Assembly of State Legislatures in Philadelphia. When Rep. Townsend spoke, the attendees listened and her questions and input made the meetings more productive.”

Rep. Cindy Pugh of Minnesota also remarked, “Rep. Kelly Townsend played a leading role at the Assembly of State Legislatures, where her contribution to the production of a useable set of bylaws, as well as her insistence of the preservation of the concept of “one State, one vote” helped to bring a viable set of proposed rules for a Convention of States.”

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